

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Ning Hu et al. Art Unit : 1615  
Serial No. : 10/723,610 Examiner : Gollamudi S. Kishore  
Filed : November 26, 2003 Docket : 01992.006US1  
Title : METHOD OF DRUG LOADING IN LIPOSOMES BY GRADIENT

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on October 26, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination.

This response is also accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 3-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 26, 2008 to April 26, 2008 (a Saturday).

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